



*Good Friday*

APRIL 18, 2025



# Wilbraham United Church

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ  
and the United Methodist Church*

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**GOOD FRIDAY**

**12:00 Noon**

**PRELUDE**

Organ: In the Cross of Christ I Glory

arr. W. Held

**OPENING WORDS**

**Patti Colkos**

Liturgist: Let us behold the cross, on which hung the salvation of the world. Let us know fully what Christ has done for us, in offering himself up on our behalf.

**People: Thanks be to God**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Merciful God, You dwell with us, revealing your love, and suffering for our sake. You show yourself to us in your great mercy and compassion, in your wonder and in your grace. Yet, we fail to recognize your Divinity, we fail in our acknowledgement that there are unseen forces around, filled with the Spirit of you. Help us to see you in our midst and appreciate you all the more. Grant that we may come to better understand the power and beauty which you bring to a hurting and unhappy world, desperately in need of your healing touch. Amen

**\*HYMN #261 (UMH) verses 1-4**

Lord of the Dance

**OLD TESTAMENT**

**Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

**NEW TESTAMENT**

**Hebrews 10: 16-25**

**MUSICAL SELECTION**

Pie Jesu

A. L. Webber

*From "Requiem"*

Rev. Janet & Deb Trimble soloists

*Translation: Merciful Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world,  
Grant them rest.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
Grant rest everlasting.*

## LITANY OF THE PASSION

Leader: Christ Jesus, in agony in the garden of Olives, troubled by sadness and fear, comforted by an angel:

**People: O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Leader: Christ Jesus, betrayed by Judas' kiss, abandoned by your apostles, delivered into the hands of sinners:

**People: O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Leader: Christ Jesus, accused by false witnesses, condemned to die on the cross, struck by servants, covered with spittle:

**People: O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Leader: Christ Jesus, disowned by Peter, your apostle, delivered to Pilate and Herod, counted among the likes of Barabbas:

**People: O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Leader: Christ Jesus, carrying your cross to Calvary, consoled by the daughters of Jerusalem, helped by Simon of Cyrene:

**People: O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Leader: Christ Jesus, stripped of your clothes, given vinegar to drink crucified with thieves:

**People: O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Leader: Christ Jesus, insulted on the cross, praying for your executioners, pardoning the good thief:

**People: O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Leader: Christ Jesus, entrusting your mother to your beloved disciple, giving up your spirit into the hands of your Father, dying for all of us sinners:

**People: O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Leader: By your sufferings, Lord, heal the wounds in our hearts. Let your tears be the source of joy for us, and let your death give us life.

**People: O Lord, have mercy on me.**

## GOSPEL

**John 18: 1-19:42**

## SERMON

*The Good Friday Meditation*

**Rev. Janet**

**\*HYMN #291 (UMH)** verses 1, 2 & 5

He Never Said a Mumblin' Word

## OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Organ: Go to Dark Gethsemane

arr. W. Held

**\*Doxology UMH #298, vs. 4 –**

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*HYMN #357 (UMH) verses 1-3**

Just As I Am

**BENEDICTION**

**A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER**

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*\* All who are able to stand, may do so.*

*Thank you for joining us in worship today. Is this your first visit to United Church? Please sign a Pew Card if you wish to be kept up-to-date regarding activities at the church.*

### **MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY**

**Pastor:** Rev. Janet Sandquist-Skagerlind

**Music Director:** Roberta Morkin

**Technical and Artistic Director:** Deb Trimble

**Liturgist:** Patti Colkos

**Ushers:** Amie Singh, Joyce Pierangelo



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### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

You are welcome to join us on Sunday morning for our Easter worship service at 10:00 AM. Following the service, our children are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn of the church (weather permitting!)